

UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
July 17, 2006

UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETINGS ARE RECORDED ELECTRONICALLY OR STENOGRAPHICALLY AND ARE AVAILABLE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS IN THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES.

Board President Swafford called the special meeting of the Utilities Service Board to order at 5:02 p.m. The meeting was held in Conference Room 210 at the Indiana University Research Park at 501 North Morton Street in Bloomington, Indiana.

Board members present: Tom Swafford, Susan Sandberg, Julie Roberts, Tim Henke, Sam Vaught, Jeff Ehman. Staff members present: Patrick Murphy, Michael Horstman, Michael Trexler, Patrick Stoffers, John Langley, Rance Fawbush, and Dave Williams of the Bloomington Parks Department. Others present: Ben Beard representing Gentry Estates and Margaret Fette representing the Monroe County Libertarian Party.

APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET FOR 2007

Utilities Director Murphy thanked the Board for scheduling this meeting. He gave a brief overview of the budget as presented at the previous meeting, for the benefit of those members who were absent. The budget represents our ongoing commitment to fiscal responsibility. An updated version of the Extensions & Replacements budget was distributed.

One proposal is our participation in the City Sidewalk program. Our commitment would be \$100,000 for stormwater only, not concerning sidewalks. One of our engineers will be involved with any proposals from the Committee, and any claims will come before the Board.

The initial proposal for the master plan at Lake Griffy was for \$125,000. Since that time we have revisited that proposal, and our commitment would be \$100,000 as reflected in the Extensions & Replacements, with the Parks Department contributing \$25,000. Mick Renneisen was unable to attend today, but Dave Williams, Operations & Development Director, was available to answer any questions the Board had. The Board also received a memo from Mr. Renneisen, reflecting the changes.

Also highlighted are funds to purchase a new backhoe and a maintenance truck for a total of \$149,500. These are the first significant capital expenditures in the past few years for vehicles and equipment.

The O & M budget reflects an increase 2.4%. We anticipate revenues (at 9 months of our new rates) of \$26,787,000, an increase of \$864,000 over our projected revenues from the year before. We anticipate expenses for the year of \$26,787,000 and we will end the year with \$5.9 million cash on hand.

There are some issues concerning sanitary sewer overflows on East Third Street. We have discussed this with our engineering staff and we plan to be proactive and begin the design work next year, and not wait for the timelines of the Agreed Order.

With reference to the Lake Monroe issue, we will be taking a look at our long range water capital plan.

Regarding the expenditure for the Griffy study, Mr. Vaught stated that we should be at the forefront of the consultant selection. Mr. Williams stated that the Board can have whatever level of oversight and approval is desired.

Mr. Henke and Mr. Vaught both thanked the Utilities staff and the Parks Department for their responsiveness to the reservations the Board had regarding the Griffy project.

Board Member Sandberg moved and Board Member Henkj seconded the motion to approve the budget for 2007 as presented. Motion carried. 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (John Whitehart). Mr. Swafford said that he had spoken with Mr. Whitehart and that he approved the budget although he could not attend the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business was presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Swafford reported that the Engineering Subcommittee met with the County Plan Commission on July 13th. Several months ago the County submitted a series of maps and asked if we could determine whether we could provide sewers to some of these areas. Our staff took that information and put it on our map. Mike Bengtson reviewed the areas where we had problems and would not consider providing sewers, and also talked about some areas where we had potential capacity. We gave the County a copy of our map and asked them to study it and determine the top 5 priority areas where they would like to see growth. We could take that information and study the detail as to whether we were interested in expanding sewer to that area. Mr. Swafford thinks it will take them a few months to get back to us. We can then take that information and work with City Planning and with our staff and come up with a recommendation whether we want to do anything. He stressed that he made it very clear that there are no guarantees that we will extend sewer to any point, but we wanted to continue in good faith effort to work with the County to try to resolve some of the septic tank problems they are having. Mr. Swafford thanked our staff for all their time and efforts in putting all this on our map. Mr. Henke added that Mr. Bengtson did a nice presentation and Chris Clothier and Jane Fleig did a lot of work and have consulted with Tom Micuda. He also pointed out that Mr. Bengtson discovered a few areas where additional hook ons could benefit our system and we might eliminate some lift stations. Mr. Swafford reminded the Board that this is a work in progress and they will have an opportunity to look at detailed information when it comes back from the County.

STAFF REPORTS:

No staff reports were presented.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no petitions or communications.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

L. Thomas Swafford, President